Claims

What is claimed is:

1.   A method of message delivery comprising:

    registering a plurality of reception states for a receiving party, wherein said reception states specify conditions for establishing communications links with receiving party addresses;

    identifying a receiving party address from a first initiated communications link between a sending party and the receiving party;

    determining reception state data specified by said plurality of reception states according to said receiving party address; and

    presenting said reception state data to the sending party.

2.   The method of claim 1, further comprising:

    receiving a response from the sending party specifying further instructions for processing said first initiated communications link.

3.   The method of claim 1, further comprising:

    identifying a sending party address and determining contextually relevant reception state data according to said identified sending party address and said receiving party address.

4.   The method of claim 3, wherein said determining step further comprises:

    determining contextually relevant reception state data according to the time of said first initiated communications link and the communications channel over which said first initiated communications link is to be established.

5.   The method of claim 1, further comprising:

    completing said first communications link.

1   6.   The method of claim 1, further comprising:

2   terminating said first initiated communications link.

1   7.   The method of claim 6, further comprising:

2   according to said response, initiating a second communications link to a different

3   receiving party address using the same communications channel as said first initiated

4   communication link.

1   8.   The method of claim 6, further comprising:

2   according to said response, initiating a second communications link using a

3   communications channel different from the communications channel of said first

4   initiated communications link.

1   9.   The method of claim 1, further comprising:

2   detecting at least one additional initiated communications link from subsequent

3   sending parties; and

4   presenting said reception state data to selected ones of said subsequent

5   sending parties.

1   10.   The method of claim 1, further comprising:

2   initiating at least one additional communications link from said receiving party or

3   said sending party to a third party; and

4   presenting reception state data associated with said third party to at least one of

5   said sending party or said receiving party.

1   11.   A machine-readable storage, having stored thereon a computer program having

2   a plurality of code sections executable by a machine for causing the machine to

3   perform the steps of:

4   registering a plurality of reception states for a receiving party, wherein said

5 reception states specify conditions for establishing communications links with receiving

6 party addresses;

7   identifying a receiving party address from a first initiated communications link

8 between a sending party and the receiving party;

9   determining reception state data specified by said plurality of reception states

10 according to said receiving party address; and

11   presenting said reception state data to the sending party.

12. The machine-readable storage of claim 11, further comprising:

   receiving a response from the sending party specifying further instructions for

processing said first initiated communications link.

13. The machine-readable storage of claim 11, further comprising:

   identifying a sending party address and determining contextually relevant

reception state data according to said identified sending party address and said

receiving party address.

1 14. The machine-readable storage of claim 13, wherein said determining step further

2 comprises:

3   determining contextually relevant reception state data according to the time of

4 said first initiated communications link and the communications channel over which said

5 first initiated communications link is to be established.

1 15. The machine-readable storage of claim 11, further comprising:

2   completing said first communications link.

1 16. The machine-readable storage of claim 11, further comprising:

2   terminating said first initiated communications link.

1   17.   The machine-readable storage of claim 16, further comprising:

2   according to said response, initiating a second communications link to a different

3   receiving party address using the same communications channel as said first initiated

4   communication link.

1   18.   The machine-readable storage of claim 16, further comprising:

2   according to said response, initiating a second communications link using a

3   communications channel different from the communications channel of said first

4   initiated communications link.

1   19.   The machine-readable storage of claim 11, further comprising:

2   detecting at least one additional initiated communications link from subsequent

3   sending parties; and

4   presenting said reception state data to selected ones of said subsequent

5   sending parties.

1   20.   The machine-readable storage of claim 11, further comprising:

2   initiating at least one additional communications link from said receiving party or

3   said sending party to a third party; and

4   presenting reception state data associated with said third party to at least one of

5   said sending party or said receiving party.